

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-5, 10, 11 and 13-16 remain herein. Claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 13-16 are added.

The specification was objected to in relation to the term “jumping.” The Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s comment that an Applicant is not limited to the nomenclature used in the application as filed and the Examiner’s express granting of an opportunity to amend the specification to add the term “jump.” For procedural convenience, claims 5 and 11 have been broadened slightly by deleting the “jump” phrase. Applicant traverses the assertion that the specification lacks antecedent basis in the specification for “jumping” in its ordinary meaning in this field. For example, the Saito reference (as translated) uses both “jumping” and “kicking.” *See, e.g.,* Saito at [0054]: “[T]he pickup actuator 6 is kicked, and a track jump is performed.”

Claims 4-5 and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Saito J.P. 10-112039 (“Saito”). The Office Action asserts that Saito discloses a control section “for measuring an offset amount of a lens *relative to the center in the pickup*” (emphasis added). The Office Action further asserts that Saito discloses a control section “for effecting kicking when the offset amount [of a lens relative to the center of a pickup] is reduced.” With due respect, Applicant does not see where Saito discloses a pickup measuring a position of a lens relative to a center of the pickup. Saito therefore does not support the rejection.

For the record, these remarks are not intended to narrow the scope of any claim term or to limit equivalency of any claim limitation. They are provided solely to question whether the cited art has the disclosure attributed to it by the Office Action.

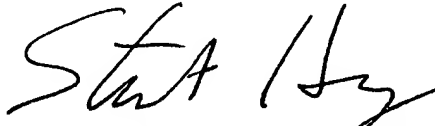
New dependent claims 13 and 14 have been added. They are believed not to add any new issues or require further searching. To assist the Examiner, reference is made to Figs. 6a and 6b of the application. Kicking is effected when a lens is within a predetermined offset as shown by bands 62 and 66. The band for a small amount of kicking (66) can be made larger than the band for a large amount of kicking (62).

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for immediate allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.5219).

Respectfully submitted,

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